

SENIOR HEALTH CHOICE
PRESERVATION ACT

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Seniors Health Choice Preservation Act. This bill will protect Medicare Choice HMOs from additional payment cuts. Furthermore, the bill will assist Medicare HMOs that cover prescription drugs so that they can continue to provide this important benefit.

I believe we have a commitment to America's seniors to provide dependable health care through the Medicare program. I strongly supported giving seniors more options and flexibility when I voted for the Medicare Choice in the Balanced Budget Act.

Empowering consumers to choose their care is the best way to improve quality and affordability in the health care system. Unfortunately, more than 700,000 Medicare beneficiaries in the Medicare Choice HMOs nationwide will have had their coverage either disrupted or discontinued over the past 2 years.

In some Congressional districts, like mine, many seniors were forced to return to Fee for Service Medicare because there were no other options in their area. Even in areas that still have Medicare HMOs, seniors have been hit hard with increased out-of-pocket costs and reduced benefits.

Seniors in my district love their HMOs. They get things like prescription drug coverage, dental care, and eye glass exams.

At a time when HMOs are getting a bad rap in a lot of places, we want to keep our HMOs in Florida.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Seniors Health Care Preservation Act.

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ING THEM AT AMERICAN CITIES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, this China-White House business bothers me. China's trade surplus with Uncle Sam will exceed \$70 billion this year and it is common knowledge that China is buying missiles with American cash and then aiming those missiles at American cities.

Beam me up. I recommend that any deal with China, number one, require a 5-year waiting period before China can fire a missile at America; number two, that China cannot sell stolen U.S. technology at missile shows; and number three, all Chinese missiles shall have trigger locks.

Now on a serious note, I yield back the greatest threat ever to America's national security: Communist China.

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

(Mr. CRANE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to return this week to continue my work in the House. I am rejoining my family, friends, colleagues and supporters in good health and I feel better physically and mentally. I am ready to resume my duties, including my legislative responsibilities, and serving the needs of my constituents. I look forward to the hard work necessary to successfully continue my service in the U.S. House of Representatives and to my country and to the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois.

This has been a deeply humbling experience for me as I continue on my road to recovery, but I want to thank everyone, including Speaker Hastert and my colleagues, for their understanding and the tremendous outpouring of support I have received on both sides of the aisle. God bless you all.

PROJECT EXILE

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this morning in strong support of H.R. 4051, the Safe Streets and Neighborhoods Act of 2000. It will be coming to the floor today under suspension.

This legislation seeks to build on Project Exile programs which started in Richmond, Virginia, in 1997 and using the existing law to go after criminals who illegally possess firearms or use firearms in the commission of a crime.

Since the incorporation of Project Exile in Richmond, the program has spread throughout the entire State. Other cities and States have also taken up similar initiatives to rid their communities of gun wielding criminals. In fact, my own State of Colorado started a Project Exile program back in September and already we are beginning to see a rise in the number of prosecutions against criminals in violation of firearms law.

H.R. 4051 would provide resources to the States that have sought to stringently enforce firearms laws and ensure a mandatory minimum sentence for criminals who violate such statutes. Likewise, these funds can be used to defray the costs associated with tougher enforcement stance, whether it be hiring more prosecutors or expanding jail space.

At a time when our society is grappling with the plague of violence, I encourage Members of this body to pass H.R. 4051.

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JUDGE RULES AGAINST
CONTROVERSIAL HISTORIAN

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, before I begin my 1-minute, on behalf of all of my Democratic colleagues, I want to welcome back to the House the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE), our colleague and friend. We are delighted to have him back.

Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate the victory of history over hate. The pseudohistorian in England, David Irving, who denied the Holocaust, had his comeuppance in a British court yesterday. The great American scholar of the Holocaust, Professor Deborah Lipstadt of Emory University, called David Irving a Holocaust denier. Yesterday, British justice agreed. That is why we celebrate history over hate.

Steven Spielberg and others in countless documentaries have used film to show what the Holocaust was, that it resulted in the mass murder of 6 million people. Pseudohistorian David Irving, a racist and anti-Semite, has destroyed his own career. He is banned from Germany, Canada, and Australia. Today, I am introducing legislation to ban him from ever visiting the United States.

CELEBRATING YOUTH IN THE 11TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF
OHIO

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, in the City of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, in the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, we celebrated that the Warrensville Heights Tigers won the State championship in basketball. We also celebrated that in Bedford, they were the runners-up, right in the 11th Congressional District of Ohio. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate that our youth are doing great things.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, this coming weekend in the 11th Congressional District, we will be hosting our Reclaiming Our Youth Empowering Yourself leadership conference. We are looking to build leaders in the 11th Congressional District. One of the workshops is called "I am so angry." Another one is called "Decision-making, developing your skills."

We will be doing a workshop on the media and, finally, solutions and impacts. A panel of high school students and college students will discuss issues and choices that they make. It is a wonderful opportunity to be with such wonderful young people in the 11th Congressional District. In fact, our art competition is on Sunday, and we had 99 people who submitted artworks for our competition.